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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **UM HOSTS INTERNATIONAL LAW WEEKEND**

#### **MISSOULA –**

The upcoming International Law Weekend will provide three free public lectures at The University of Montana. The events were organized by UM's International Law Society, and each lecture will be in the Law Building Castles Center.

Spokane attorney Brian Pangrle, an expert on international intellectual property, will speak at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 24, about the legal-ethics pitfalls and challenges in India, Brazil and other developing countries where he has worked.

Pangrle holds a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Illinois, a master's degree in food engineering from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, a doctorate in chemical engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, a master's in international relations from Boston University and a law degree from the University of Minnesota. His patent practice focuses on food technology, software, medical devices and fluid dynamics. Pangrle also does pro bono legal work for American Indian communities on tribal intellectual property issues.

Beatriz Venturini, one of the most prominent civil court trial judges and law professors in Montevideo, Uruguay, will discuss Uruguay's legal system and the role of women in that



system at 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 25. Her lecture is co-sponsored by the Women's Law Caucus.

Venturini has many years of experience as a judge in her country's labor and civil courts. She regularly teaches at all three of Uruguay's law schools, and her academic expertise areas include torts, contracts and professional liability. Venturini is one of Latin America's leading experts on medical malpractice, and she has written a number of books and articles in the field. Her various law degrees come from Uruguay's national University of the Republic, and she has completed graduate legal studies in Spain. A number of UM law faculty members and Montana Supreme Court Chief Justice Karla Gray have worked with Venturini in Montevideo as part of UM's ongoing law teaching activities there.

Professor Amos Guiora from the University of Utah College of Law will address the 60th anniversary of Israel and the challenges of global security and modern terrorism at 7 p.m. Monday, April 28. His lecture is co-sponsored by the UM Hillel Chapter, the UM Office of International Programs and the Montana World Affairs Council.

A retired Israeli military officer and one of the world's leading experts on international security law, Guiora directed the Israeli School of Military Law, coordinated much of Israel's counterterrorism activities and was a military attorney during his years of service. He has written many books and scholarly articles on terrorism and counterterrorism legal issues, and he regularly appears as a commentator for U.S. and international media, including CNN, The New York Times, the Wall Street Journal and the BBC. He has been a professor at several



U.S. universities and received a law degree from Case Western Reserve University and an undergraduate degree from Kenyon College.

Continuing Legal Education credits have been requested from the State Bar of Montana for each lecture. E-mail Brian West, president of the UM International Law Society, at [brianjwest@gmail.com](mailto:brianjwest@gmail.com) for more information.

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